Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 17 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 18 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 17 Dec 2023 at 03:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very wet and windy conditions on Sunday then drier for Monday. High for unsettled and changeable weather next week but low for details from Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 17 Dec 2023: Very wet and windy conditions with risk of flooding.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 17 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
70%	90%	90%	90%	70%	70%

Forecast for Sunday 17 Dec 2023

Weather: A very wet day with persistent and heavy rain spreading south across all ranges. Strong winds giving atrocious walking conditions. Flooding is likely to affect paths and approach roads. Rain and winds gradually becoming lighter late in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor visibility due to heavy rain and low cloud. Extensive cloud and fog above 500 or 600m, often to lower slopes in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	69/82 SW	62/75 SW	54/68 SW	46/58 SW	31/39 SW	25/31 SW	24/30 SW
900	45/57 SW	41/53 SW	34/47 SW	31/42 SW	22/31 SW	16/21 SW	15/20 SW
600	63/74 SW	59/70 SW	48/60 SW	39/49 SW	28/36 SW	18/24 SW	15/20 SW
300	31/43 SW	29/41 SW	25/38 SW	22/34 SW	16/26 SW	11/18 SW	9/13 SW
Glen	21/40 SW	21/41 SW	19/39 SW	16/33 SW	15/28 SW	9/17 SW	5/12 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	3/-7	3/-6	3/-5	4/-3	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1
900	4/-3	5/-2	5/-1	6/0	6/2	6/2	6/2
600	7/-1	7/-1	7/1	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/4
300	9/4	9/4	9/5	10/6	10/7	10/7	9/7
Glen	10/6	10/6	10/7	11/8	11/8	11/9	11/10
Freezing Level*	3000m	3000m	2800m	2800m	2600m	2400m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Heavy rain and strong winds giving very difficult and hazardous walking conditions.

Forecast for Monday 18 Dec 2023
Weather: Cloudy and misty with occasional light rain or drizzle then becoming mainly dry in the afternoon. Some showers arriving in the evening, turning wintry above 700m.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 15mph gusts 25mph, increasing to 30mph gusts 45mph in evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in morning, improving to 70%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to low slopes in the morning with poor visibility. Lifting and breaking through afternoon with visibility becoming mainly good, but brief reductions in showers later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 9C.
At 800m: Plus 5C, falling to Plus 1C in evening.
Freezing level: Well above summit falling to 1200m in afternoon, then 900m in evening.

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